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FOR: COMPOSITE HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE AND
METHOD OF PRODUCING THE SAME

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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action mailed August 30, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A composite hollow fiber membrane comprising three or more layers of membrane comprising a three-dimensional net structure comprising a plurality of micropores comprising stacked lamella and microfibrils connected with the stacked lamella, wherein
- one or more dense layer(s), *said dense layer(s) being* thinner than an outermost layer and an innermost layer and *said layer(s) comprising* micropores of a mean pore diameter smaller than that of the micropores of the